

VACATION ENDS
Mr. and Mrs. John Lidell of 1908 218th st. returned Tuesday from a week's outing at Peter Pan Club, Big Bear, where they celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary.

THEY'RE COUNTING ON US—

MINNESOTA VISITOR
Miss Evelyn Mraz of Brainerd, Minn., is visiting at the home of Miss Mary Scallen, 2204 Torrance blvd. A teacher, she is spending her vacation working at National Supply Co. She will leave for her home Aug. 15.

Additional Society News

MRS. GLENN MAUPIN IS GRACIOUS HOSTESS
Mrs. Glenn Maupin was hostess to her bridge club at her home last Wednesday evening. Garden flowers were used in the rooms and at the close of play dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Martha Bishop was presented with a prize for high score at contract. Mrs. Margaret Smith of Long Beach and formerly of Torrance was a club guest.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS PLAN CARD PARTY
Torrance Camp No. 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, will entertain at Men's Bible Class Bldg. next Wednesday evening, July 19, with a benefit card party. A door prize will be presented at 8 o'clock and games of bridge, pinochle, 500 and bunco will begin immediately. Everyone is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

RECREATION CENTER ANNOUNCES PROGRAM
Mrs. Cora B. Bohrer, city recreation center director, announces that recreation center will be open every day during school vacation from Monday through Friday.

C. E. ACKLEYS OBSERVE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ackley of 2005 Arlington ave. observed their 25th wedding anniversary last Sunday with a dinner party at their home. Guests were Mrs. Walter E. Allman of Yuma, Ariz., Misses Josephine and Anna Dart and L. E. Dart, all of Lancaster, Calif., Mrs. Jessie Knakal, Huntington Park, and W. R. Gordon, Lindsay.

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edgerton and daughters Harriet and Claire and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cooper of Los Angeles were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Olsen at 2476 W. 255th st., Lomita.

ON VACATION
Mrs. W. H. Gilbert left yesterday for a two weeks' vacation at the home of Mrs. C. Elwin Blake of San Carlos.

RANCHER VISITS
Benny Cironi, San Jose rancher who farms Dr. K. F. Siekmann's ranch in Santa Clara Valley, spent Sunday as her guest here.

FORMER RESIDENTS
Walter Bacon entertained last weekend Earhart and Jeannie Von Truizeher of Linda Vista and formerly of Torrance, who also visited other Torrance friends.

FINDLEYS ATTEND WEDDING, RECEPTION
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Findley and children Edwin and Patricia, attended the wedding of her sister, the former Ida Miller of West Hollywood, to Kenneth Fiske, solemnized Sunday evening at First Methodist church, Hollywood. A reception for 30 followed. Upon their return they were accompanied by June Nord, who will be Patricia's house guest for ten days.

WEEKEND GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Masse entertained as their weekend guests Miss Grace Baugh and Merrill Sahl, both of Pittsburgh.

IS CONVALESCENT
Mrs. R. M. Rogers returned Sunday from Torrance Memorial hospital, where she underwent a major operation.

FROM KANSAS
Mrs. Lester Smith, accompanied by Miss Irma Hines, arrived this week from Independence, Kans., for a month's vacation at the home of the former, 1451 El Prado.

VISIT RELATIVES
Mrs. Alice Spehger is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with relatives in Anaheim.

AT MOUNTAIN RESORT
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolford have returned from a week's vacation at Big Bear.

VISIT PARENTS
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Maupin and Gay were staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams of Los Angeles.

Free Business Training Class Being Offered

Free public school training in business subjects will be offered this summer at the Metropolitan School of Business of the Los Angeles City Schools, located at Venice blvd. and Olive st. The school will open its summer session on July 10 and close on Aug. 18. Classes will be held in the morning from 8:30 to 12:30 and in the evening from 6:00 to 9:00. There is no tuition charge. Classes will be open to all adults as well as to high school graduates and undergraduates. High school credit will be given.

Special Gas Rations Due for Service Men

Possible increase in the amount of special gasoline rations to servicemen on furlough is now being worked out by the Army and Navy and the Office of Price Administration. F. W. Daniels, chief clerk, Torrance local ration board, said today. "As in the past, the Army and Navy will determine the amount of furlough gasoline to be issued," Daniels said. "The military services suggest the proper amounts and the OPA puts their arrangements into effect. "An announcement giving specific changes in the soldiers and sailors special allotments is expected to be made in a short time. Any estimates of such amounts made at this time would be premature." Present furlough allowance is a maximum of five gallons to any serviceman on furlough for three days or more.

Torrance Girls May Go to Camp And Earn Money

Torrance girls, 14 years of age and up, who want to help the war effort by attending the Girls' Apricot Harvest Camp at Hemet Elementary school, Riverside county, can apply to Miss Virginia Hall, secretary of the Torrance Service Center of the Community Chest, at the Chamber of Commerce office. The girls will be paid 45 cents a field box, cutting and pitting and all the fruit is going to the armed forces. Board of \$1.35 a day is charged. The girls can cut and pit as high as eight boxes a day. The camp is open now and I have been more and more convinced, the more I think of it, that, in general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.—Rustin.

Non-Essential Travel Being Restricted

Military and war production demands on the railroads and intercity buses are now at an all-time high and show indications of increasing in volume during the summer. The invasion of Europe and stepped up activity in the Pacific area are placing a heavy strain on the nation's transportation system and the stream of war material must be kept moving to enable our fighting troops to maintain the offensive. To all this must be added the burden of transporting war-wounded from incoming hospital ships and troop transports to our inland hospitals for expert medical attention and well earned rest. All these things might conceivably result in cancellation of passenger space and whole trains without notice.

In light of these conditions, the OPA stated that Torrance residents can readily see why there is no room for non-essential passenger travel and plans for vacationing at home will prevent any possible embarrassment or discomfort later on.

In a statement by Director J. Monroe Johnson of the Office of Defense Transportation the American industry and public are again asked to "cancel attendance at conventions or trade meetings not essential to the war effort, refuse to attend out-of-town meetings not of direct aid in winning the war, cooperate in the 'make this an at-home vacation' program and reduce business travel to a minimum."

Commercial Fishing Shows Big Increase

Figures just made available by the California State Division of Fish and Game show that the amount of fish taken by the canneries in San Pedro and San Diego in May of this year has made a tremendous gain over that taken during the same period in the past two years. The total pounds in May for the past three years was 7,485,911 in 1942; 9,185,498 in 1943, and 17,885,607 in 1944. These figures are exclusive of small landings of sardines in May of this year. The gain is due entirely to the very successful tuna fishery this year. Landings of yellowtail in San Pedro were more than twice as heavy as they were in the previous two years.

NAVY URGES SERVICE FAMILIES, MERCHANTS TO WATCH FOR FORGERY

Service families and merchants were warned today to be constantly on the alert against forgers of government checks, as the Eleventh Naval District, in cooperation with the U. S. Secret Service, started a campaign to help protect Navy personnel and their dependents against this crime. In hundreds of cases, the secret service said, checks have been stolen from mail boxes along with letters. The criminal then has proceeded to use the letters as identification while cashing the check. When an Army or Navy allotment check is stolen, the person depending upon it may be forced to go without some of the necessities of life until a duplicate check is sent several weeks later. The merchant who is victimized by a forger is the ultimate loser. If the check is stopped, the amount will be charged to him unless he can identify and locate the forger. To aid in preventing this crime, the Secret Service has formulated two sets of protective suggestions. Those addressed to the payees of checks are:

1. Be at home or have a member of your family at home when the checks are due to be delivered. Get your checks immediately upon delivery.
2. Be sure your name is printed clearly on your mail box and equip your mail box with a good lock.
3. Cash your checks in the same place each month to simplify identification.
4. Do not endorse your checks until you are in the presence of the person you will ask to cash them.

To business men, the Secret Service adds the following suggestions:

1. When a stranger asks you to cash a check, insist that he properly identify himself as the rightful payee of that check. Know your endorser. There is no form of identification which can be guaranteed, but war ration books, bearing the owner's signature, or Selective Service registration cards usually are safer than other cards and papers.
2. Before cashing any check for a stranger, ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned because of a forged endorsement, can I locate the forger and recover my loss?"
3. If a check already is endorsed when it is presented to you, insist that it be endorsed again in your presence and compare the handwriting.
4. Have all checks initialed by the employees who pay out money for them.

Initiation of the stamps only, and have no connection whatever with their value. Regardless of whether food ration stamps have an 8, 5, 2 or 1 on their face, they are all worth 10 points.

Ration-Free Shoes Available Until July 29

Here's a chance for mother and dad and older brother to buy certain types of shoes ration free for the three week period ending July 29. Effective July 10 dealers were authorized to sell limited quantities of odd lot shoes to customers without requiring ration stamps. The purpose of releasing this footwear without a shoe stamp is to help dealers dispose of the normal accumulation of broken sizes and other odds and ends which ordinarily are on sale racks. Included among those shoes for which this odd lot clearance may be made are shoes for men and women and sizes one to six in shoes for youths and boys. F. W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance war price and ration board, said.

Five More Blue Stamps Good for Processed Foods

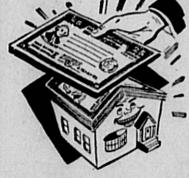
Five more blue stamps totaling 50 points—W8, X8, Y8, Z8 and A5—were effective for buying rationed processed foods on July 1. F. W. Daniels, Torrance War Ration Board chief clerk, has announced. During July, OPA said, many housewives will use all of the first strip of blue ration stamps in war ration book four and will begin using the second strip, the first stamp in this series being A5. The first strip contained stamps bearing the figure "8" on their face. The figure "5" is printed on stamps in the second row. These figures serve for identification of the stamps only, and have no connection whatever with their value. Regardless of whether food ration stamps have an 8, 5, 2 or 1 on their face, they are all worth 10 points.

Navy Hospital Adds Visiting Day, Saturday

An extra visiting day for friends and relatives of patients at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, was announced today by Capt. Paul M. Albright, U.S.N., Medical Officer in Command. The new day is Saturday and visitors will be admitted from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Captain Albright said. No change has been made in the former visiting schedule of Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday and holidays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Longshoremen To Do Business In San Pedro

Longshoremen residing in Harbor City and Lomita will continue transacting union business at San Pedro, the Longshoremen's union having tabled a proposal to move all offices and the hiring hall to a central location in Wilmington. A location near the Army Port of Embarkation had been proposed and it was planned to house the hiring hall, union office, waterfront employers office and Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board all in one building.



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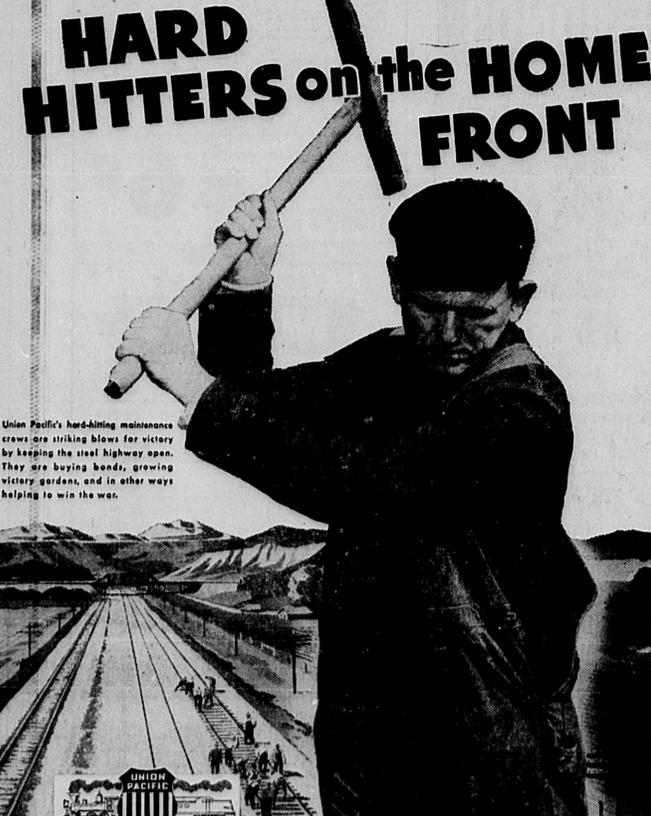
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What about travel conditions?

Travel conditions are different than they were in pre-war days. Let's look at the facts: Throughout the land, tens of thousands of men and women of our armed forces are now traveling across the country by rail. The families of our fighting troops are taking trips to "see the boys" before they shove off for overseas. Executives and war workers of essential industries are traveling between various plants on important missions. It all adds up to this: More passengers than ever before are crowding the Santa Fe trains. We are required to handle this unprecedented volume of passenger traffic with practically the same equipment we had in 1941. Building new passenger equipment has not been permitted since Pearl Harbor. Our government has issued instructions to the railroads under Interstate Commerce Commission Service Order No. 213, effective 12:01 am June 27, to displace or remove any passenger in any accommodation upon any train, in order to provide necessary space for sick or wounded service personnel, and their attendants, transported pursuant to a medical certificate. We hope there will be little of this. We of the Santa Fe will do our best to carry all the passengers we can, as quickly and comfortably as we can, but we ask this before you plan a trip this summer: Unless your trip is essential, can't you put it off until we have a little better opportunity to carry you in the traditional Santa Fe manner?



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